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Hulk Captured Upstate — Horseback Heroines Help Out

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Bruce Banner, A.K.A. the Rampaging Hulk, was captured outside Claryville, NY on Monday. Sunday afternoon, campers at a nearby sleepaway camp were riding horses through the Catskills when they sighted the green goliath. "So I was riding my horse Sparkles, she's the best," said Lois, one of the horse-back heroines, "when we saw the Hulk right by a pond!" What was the big green monster doing there? Another camper named Shirley told the Bugle, "He was sort of just scratching his back with a tree." These young women kept their cool, galloping away with their counselor and immediately reported the purple-panted problem to the authorities.

A Hulk-Buster regiment was dispatched, tracked the Hulk by his Gamma-radiation, and used new stasis weaponry (developed in concert with Moses Magnum) to fight the Hulk to a literal standstill. The Hulk-Busters have Banner contained and are taking him, via a top secret rural route far from New York City, to a top secret facility tailor-made for the behemoth. Could this truly be the end of the Jade Giant's trail of terror?

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SPIDEY SUITS UP FOR USA TODAY PLAY

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USA TODAY PLAY, a digital entertainment destination for games, puzzles, and comics, has officially partnered with Marvel to bring a massive new storytelling experience to its platform. The collaboration introduces an exclusive original Spider-Man story alongside a vast library of hundreds of Marvel classics. PLAY offers daily puzzles, horoscopes, quizzes, and more for people looking for quick, engaging breaks. Now, subscribers get a brand-new way to spend their downtime, immersing themselves in the Marvel Universe.

The centerpiece of the launch is "Spider-Man TODAY," an all-new comic available only on PLAY. The exclusive story is penned by Al Ewing, the creative mind behind *The Immortal Hulk*, and illustrated by Todd Nauck, whose artistic credits include *Amazing Spider-Man* and *Gambit*.

Beyond the new web-slinging adventure, the partnership unlocks an expansive archive for subscribers. Explore legendary storylines and fan-favorite characters across hundreds of classic Marvel comics all in one place. This launch gives Marvel fans a new way to read digitally while expanding our subscriber's daily PLAY ritual with an exciting, heroic addition.

STORIES BEHIND THE MASK
Nick Lowe Covers NYC's Mystery Hero

By **BRIAN TRUITT**
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The Daily Bugle isn't the only newspaper that'll give you a fill of Spider-Man on a regular basis.

USA TODAY and Marvel Comics have partnered to provide USA TODAY's PLAY digital entertainment hub with access to the most popular comic-book characters in the Marvel universe. PLAY will be the exclusive home for the new vertically formatted "Spider-Man TODAY" Infinity Comic series, which runs for 48 weeks beginning June 16 – with new issues dropping every Wednesday. Readers also will be able to dig into 1,000 curated archival Marvel comics ranging from old-school classics to modern favorites.

"USA TODAY is the largest news publisher in the country, and so that's always exciting," says Marvel's Spider-Man editor Nick Lowe. "And then you pair them with the greatest comic-book company in the world, Marvel Comics. I mean, that's chocolate and peanut butter, right? It's the best."

The new series features a "dream team" of artists Al Ewing ("Venom") and Todd Nauck ("Friendly Neighborhood Spider-Man") bringing to life a story that "will span the entire Marvel universe and is good for fans of all ages,"

Lowe says. "This is just the coolest comic delivered to you in the coolest way possible."

The cover for "Spider-Man TODAY" features not only the iconic web slinger but also several familiar faces for Marvel lovers. The incredible Hulk guest stars in the first arc, while Hell's Kitchen's favorite blind superhero Daredevil stops by in the second arc. The series will also feature Wakanda and its heroine Shuri, plus X-Men: Cyclops, Jean Grey and Storm.

"It can be intimidating to a new reader," Lowe says. "With 'Spider-Man TODAY,' we wanted to make sure that a new reader could pick this up, start here, and not feel left out. So we hold your hand through it. In fact, you see parts of Spider-Man's origin in each issue as we go through there, and then other characters' origins as we get beyond just this first arc. We wanted to make sure that this entry-level comic was a welcome mat saying, 'Come on in, the water's fine.'"

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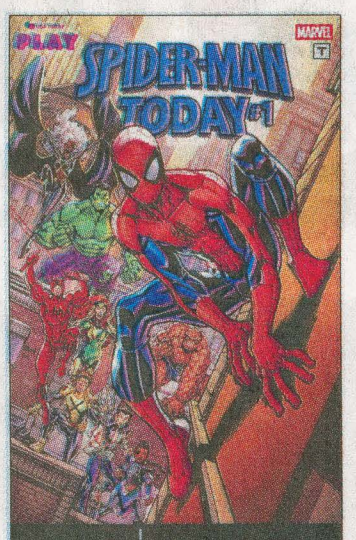

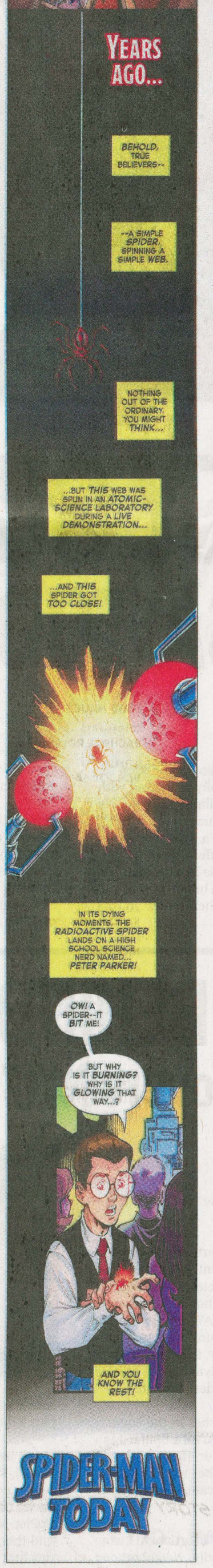

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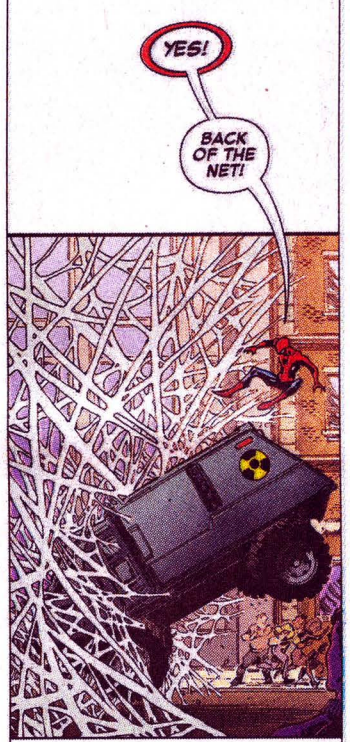

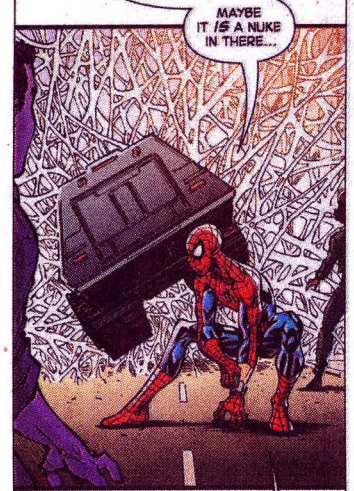

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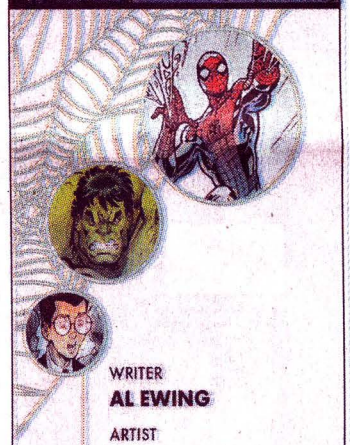

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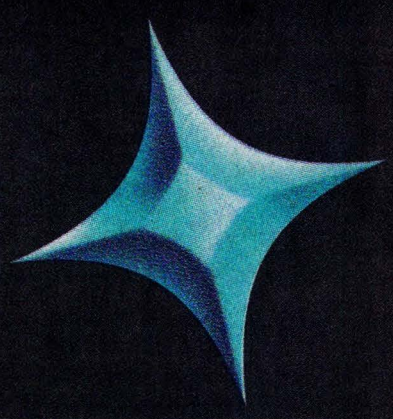
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